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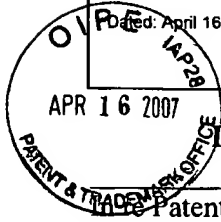
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Dated: April 16, 2007

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(Juan Guisado)

Docket No.: 27295/38258
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of:
Patricia L. Conway et al.

Application No.: 09/889,085

Confirmation No.: 6842

Filed: January 9, 2002

Art Unit: 1651

For: IMPROVED MICROBIAL PREPARATIONS

Examiner: V. Afremova

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182 AND
REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF PREVIOUSLY FILED AMENDMENT AND REQUEST
TO RE-OPEN PROSECUTION

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This petition is filed in response to the Communication Re: Appeal mailed March 14, 2007 in which the Examiner states no reply to the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated December 29, 2006 was filed within two months and that the appeal is abandoned because there are no allowed claims.

In fact, on February 28, 2007, Appellants timely filed a response to the Decision on Appeal rendered December 29, 2006. As proof of timely filing, attached is a copy of the date-stamped return receipt postcard. Also attached is a copy of the response in the form of an Amendment and Request to Reopen Prosecution Under 37 CFR §41.50 timely filed on February 28, 2007. Under the provisions of 37 §CFR 41.50, a request that complies with the provisions will be entered, the application will be reconsidered by the examiner, and the request to re-open prosecution will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal.

Therefore, Appellants respectfully request entry of the enclosed response and enclose herewith the petition processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) in the amount of \$400.00.

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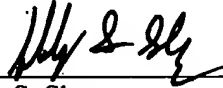
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Notice of the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is respectfully solicited and given the enclosed evidence that the reply was timely filed, Appellants respectfully request a refund of the petition processing fee.

Dated: April 16, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

By



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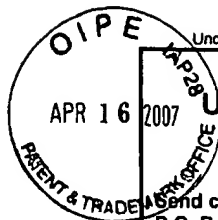
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	First Named Inventor	Patricia L. Conway
	Art Unit	1651
	Examiner Name	V. Afremova
	Attorney Docket Number	27295/38258

Enclosed is a petition filed under 37 CFR 1.182 that requires a processing fee (37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h)). Payment of \$ 400.00 is enclosed.

This form should be included with the above-mentioned petition and faxed or mailed to the Office using the appropriate Mail Stop (e.g., Mail Stop Petition), if applicable. For transmittal of processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17(i), see form PTO/SB/17i.

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- § 1.36(a) – for revocation of a power of attorney by fewer than all applicants.
- § 1.53(e) – to accord a filing date.
- § 1.57(a) – to accord a filing date.
- § 1.182 – for decision on a question not specifically provided for.
- § 1.183 – to suspend the rules.
- § 1.378(e) – for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing to accept delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent.
- § 1.741(b) – to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of a patent term.

Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(g): Fee \$200 Fee Code 1463

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- § 1.12 – for access to an assignment record.
- § 1.14 – for access to an application.
- § 1.47 – for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor.
- § 1.59 – for expungement of information.
- § 1.103(a) – to suspend action in an application.
- § 1.136(b) – for review of a request for extension of time when the provisions of section 1.136(a) are not available.
- § 1.295 – for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
- § 1.296 – to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
- § 1.377 – for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
- § 1.550(c) – for patent owner requests for extension of time in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings.
- § 1.956 – for patent owner requests for extension of time in *inter partes* reexamination proceedings.
- § 5.12 – for expedited handling of a foreign filing license.
- § 5.15 – for changing the scope of a license.
- § 5.25 – for retroactive license.

Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(h): Fee \$130 Fee Code 1464

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- § 1.19(g) – to request documents in a form other than that provided in this part.
- § 1.84 – for accepting color drawings or photographs.
- § 1.91 – for entry of a model or exhibit.
- § 1.102(d) – to make an application special.
- § 1.138(c) – to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
- § 1.313 – to withdraw an application from issue.
- § 1.314 – to defer issuance of a patent.

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